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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

MAJOR PROGRAMME IV. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Programme 15. Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify paragraphs 15.11, 15.18, 15.22 and 15.24 of programme 15, Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214 and issued in document A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1. The proposed revisions were submitted to the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget of the Trade and Development Board at its meeting from 20 to 24 June 1994.

A. Programme

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 15.7 — Insert a new paragraph 15.8 as follows and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

"15.8. By its resolution 48/171, the General Assembly decided to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to conduct a mid-term global review on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. UNCTAD is responsible for the preparation and follow-up of the meeting in accordance with Trade and Development Board decision 412 (XL). In addition to reviewing at the global level the implementation of the Programme of Action, the high-level intergovernmental meeting is also to consider, formulate and adopt appropriate national and international policies and measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed countries. Accordingly, in the implementation of the Programme of Action, UNCTAD will be guided by the outcome of the mid-term global review undertaken by the high-level intergovernmental meeting."

SUBPROGRAMME 1. LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

(a) Objectives

Paragraph 15.11 — Add a reference to General Assembly resolution 48/171.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Paragraph 15.18 — Add a reference to General Assembly resolutions 47/186, 48/169 and 48/170; and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, paragraph 127.

At the end of the paragraph, add the following:

"Trade and Development Board action on this issue at the first part of its fortieth session (A/48/15), Part two, section I.B., item 7."

(b) Course of action of the Secretariat

Paragraph 15.22 — Add the following new subparagraph:

"(d) Follow-up of the Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and

Development Institutions, in accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 48/169."

Paragraph 15.24

Add the following new subparagraph:

"(f) To follow up the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as mandated by the relevant intergovernmental bodies."